

~~7-9.~~ A method for providing nutrition to a metabolically stressed patient comprising the step of administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising:

B2 a protein source comprising approximately 15% to about 20% of the calorie distribution of the composition, the protein source [consists essentially] consisting of [partially] hydrolyzed whey protein;

a carbohydrate source; and

a lipid source including a mixture of medium and long chain triglycerides, the enteral composition having a caloric density of at least 1.4 kcal/mL.

115/17. An enteral composition for a metabolically stressed patient comprising: about 15% to about 20% of the calorie distribution of the composition consists of [partially] hydrolyzed whey protein;

B3 a carbohydrate source; and

a lipid source including a mixture of medium and long chain triglycerides;

the composition having a caloric density of at least 1.4 kcal/mL and a ratio of non-protein calories per gram of nitrogen of at least about 90:1.

┐ Please cancel Claims 21 and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

└ Please add newly submitted Claims 23-26 as follows:

191/23. An enteral formulation designed for metabolically stressed patients comprising: a protein source comprising not more than 20% by weight of the formula and consisting of hydrolyzed whey protein as the sole source of protein;

B4 a carbohydrate source;

a lipid source including medium and long chain triglycerides; and

the formula having a caloric density of at least 1.4 kcal/ml and a ratio of non-protein calories per gram of nitrogen of at least 100:1.

~~20~~ 24. A method for treating metabolically stressed patients comprising administering to a metabolically stressed patient a therapeutically effective amount of a formula including a protein source comprising not more than 20% by weight of the formula and consisting of hydrolyzed whey protein as the sole source of protein, a carbohydrate source, a lipid source including medium and long chain triglycerides, and the formula having a caloric density of at least 1.4 kcal/ml and a ratio of non-protein calories per gram of nitrogen of at least 100:1.

~~21~~ 25. The enteral formulation of Claim ~~23~~ ^{11:9} including an omega 6 to omega 3 ratio of about 6:1 to approximately 9:1.

~~22~~ 26. The method of Claim ~~24~~ ²⁰ wherein the formula includes an omega 6 to omega 3 ratio of approximately 6:1 to about 3:1.

REMARKS

This Supplemental Response and Amendment is submitted as a supplement to the Response Applicants submitted on August 25, 2000 which was in response to the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2000. Applicants note that the Response filed by Applicants on August 25, 2000 incorrectly notes that all of the claims are limited to partially hydrolyzed protein. Applicants note that the Office Action also inferred that such a limitation was present in the claims – see page 8, ¶ 2 of the Office Action.